

Troopers Investigating Fatal Pedestrian Crash- Middletown

Middletown- The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is investigating a fatal crash involving a pedestrian that occurred early this morning.

The incident occurred on July 20, 2019 at approximately 1:05 a.m., when a 2013 BMW 3S was traveling northbound on Summit Bridge Road (DE 896) past the intersection with Boyds Corner Road, in the right lane of travel. A pedestrian was beginning to cross DE 896 from west to east across from the entrance to the Mount Pleasant Mobile Home Park. The pedestrian successfully crossed the southbound lanes of travel but then entered into the northbound lanes and into the path of the BMW. The operator of the BMW was unable to avoid striking the pedestrian.

The operator of the BMW, a 20-year-old male from Middletown, DE was properly restrained and did not sustain injury. Neither impairment nor excessive speed on the part of the operator is a factor in this collision.

The pedestrian, a 57-year-old male from Middletown, DE was not utilizing a marked crosswalk, was not carrying a flashlight, and was not wearing any reflective material. He was transported to the Middletown (Christiana Hospital) Emergency Room where he was pronounced deceased. His name is being withheld at this time pending the notification of next of kin.

DE 896 northbound was closed for approximately 2 hours while the crash was investigated and cleared.

The crash continues to remain under investigation by the Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit.

If you or someone you know is a victim or witness of crime or

have lost a loved one to a sudden death and are in need of assistance, the Delaware State Police Victim Services Unit/Delaware Victim Center is available to offer you support and resources 24 hours a day through a toll free hotline 1800 VICTIM-1. (1800 842-8461). You may also email the unit Director at debra.reed@delaware.gov.

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